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C O N F I D E N T I A L SANA 2932

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TAGS: MARR, MASS, YE, IR

SUBJECT: YEMENI/IRANIAN MILITARY COOPERATION

REF: SANA 2861

1. DURING OCT 21 CALL PRESIDENT AL-HAMDI INFORMED ME THAT DEPUTY COMMANDER IN CHIEF AHMAD AL-GHASHMI RECENTLY VISITED IRAN IN ORDER TO OBTAIN SOME "MODEST" MILITARY ASSISTANCE FROM THE IRANIAN GOVT. HAMAI SAID THAT SPECIFICALLY YARG HOPES THAT IRAN WILL PROVIDE FUNDING FOR CONSTRUCTION OF AN OFNICERS' HOUSING PROJECT AS WELL AS OF A MILITARY AIRPORT. HAMDI WAS PARTICULARLY HOPEFUL THAT THE IRANIANS WILL BE FORTHCOMING WITH REGARD TO THE HOUSING PROJECT STATING IT IS IMPORTANT TO DO SOMETHING FOR THE UNDERPAID OFFICER CORPS. HE REQUESTED THAT THE USG USE ITS GOOD OFFICES WITH THE IRANIANS TO ADVISE THEM TO BE GENEROUS AND FORTHCOMING WITH THESE PROJECTS. I TOLD HIM I WOULD CONVEY THIS REQUEST TO MY GOVT.

2. COMMENT: IF DEPARTMENT AND EMBASSY TEHRAN AGREE I WOULD
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URGE THAT WE BACKSTOP THIS YEMENI REQUEST WITH THE IRANIANS.

EVER SINCE RESUMPTION OF RELATIONS, WE HAVE INDICATED TO
THE YEMENIS OUR WILLINGNESS TO ACT ON THEIR BEHALF WITH OUR
MUTUAL FRIENDS IN THE AREA WHO ARE IN A POSITION TO ASSIST
YEMEN WITH SUITABLE PROGRAMS WHICH ARE DIFFICULT FOR US TO
CONSIDER IN VIEW OF OUR OWN LIMITED RESOURCES.
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